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| Disposition of Claims | | | | | |
| 4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-16</u> is/are pending in the application. | | | | | |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. | | | | | |
| 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. | | | | | |
| 6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-16</u> is/are rejected. | | | | | |
| 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. | | | | | |
| | election requirement | | | | |
| 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. | | | | | |
| Application Papers | | | | | |
| 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | |
| 10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>13 November 2001</u> is/are: a)⊠ accepted or b)□ objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | |
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| Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 | | | | | |
| 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: | | | | | |
| 1. Certified copies of the priority documents | s have been received. | | | | |
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